

# **The Connection**

"Keeping our Community Connected"

# FEBRUARY 2025

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

## **CLOSED ON FEB 17**

Otherwise, our staff is available Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm. Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

### Information from Immigration, Refugeees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).....

### Canada launches Rural and Francophone Community **Immigration pilots**

Rural and Francophone minority communities make vital contributions to Canada's economy and culture, but they frequently face unique labour market and demographic challenges as the majority of Canadians and newcomers settle in Canada's urban centres. In particular, the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) was successful in connecting businesses and employers in remote communities with the skilled newcomers they need to thrive.

### **CLICK HERE** For more information



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### Meet Habibat Kasim

Lawyer & Co-partner at JBK Law Office

Habibat Kasim is a distinguished lawver and co-partner at JBK Law Office, with locations in Yorkton and Regina. She brings extensive expertise in Family Law, Corporate and Estate Matters, Collections, Guardianship, Real Estate, and Immigration Law. As a trained mediator, Habibat's practice also encompasses court the past 14 years, I proudly work and collaborative law.

Habibat's legal journey began in Nigeria, where she was called to the bar in 2004. She furthered her education by earning a Master of Law degree, specializing in Corporate and Commercial Law from the University of London in the UK. After successfully completing the NCA qualifying festivals, providing families examination for foreign-trained lawyers, she commenced her articles at Shawn Patenaude Law in 2015 and was called to the bar in February 2016.

Deeply committed to her community, Habibat actively supports newcomers and immigrants. She volunteers on the Immigrants Advisory Table of the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership (ECSIP), which plays a crucial role in immigrant retention by ensuring that newcomer needs are included in community planning and decision-making.



"Having lived in Yorkton for call Yorkton my home. Yorkton is a welcoming and inclusive community. The city offers a high quality of living that is affordable compared to larger cities. Throughout the year, Yorkton hosts a variety of cultural events and with opportunities to learn, engage in community activities and celebrate local traditions".

Habibat's commitment to her community and the legal profession shines through in everything she does. Her passion for helping others and her drive for excellence make a real difference in the lives of those she serves.



# **Community Activities & Events February 2024**

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community! If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.

## **Newcomer Come Try Broomball**

What: A variation of ice hockey played on ice without skates

When: February 3, 8:30 PM - 9:15 PM

Where: Westland Arena at the Gallagher Centre

Cost: FREE

### SIP & Share

What: Fun and engaging conversation circle

When: February 4 - 3:00pm

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register

### **Nature Links**

What: A fun Outdoor Winter Wonderland Guided Tour

When: February 15, 2024 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Where: At the Logan Green Trail in Yorkton

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register

### Newcomer Come Try Broomball PT. 2

What: A variation of ice hockey played on ice without skates

When: February 17, 8:30 PM - 9:15 PM

Where: Westland Arena at the Gallagher Centre

Cost: FREE

#### SIP & Share

What: Fun and engaging conversation circle

When: February 18 - 3:00pm

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register

### IN-CLASS DRIVER EDUCATION

What: 6 Hours in Class Driver Education

When: February 21, 22 & 24 2024 TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE Contact: Ruel rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register

### MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN FEBRUARY

**Buddhism** - February 12 - Magha T **Islam** - February 13 - Laylat al Bara'at (Nisf Sha'bān)

**Hinduism** - February 26 Mahashivaratri **Judaism** - February 13 - Tu B'Shevat

- February - Indigenous Story Telling Month Bahá'í Faith - February 25 - 28 - Ayyám-i-Há **Indigenous** Spirituality

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan



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**EVERY FIRST &** 

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Winter Wonderland **Guided Walk** 

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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